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TO: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair

Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee

The Honorable Gabriel Acevero

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RE: **LETTER OF INFORMATION** – House Bill 1010 – Health Care Facilities –

Discrimination (LGBTQ Senior Bill of Rights)

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the largest and most diverse senior care provider association in Maryland representing nursing facilities, assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, medical adult day care centers, senior housing communities and other home and community based services, we submit this letter of information for House Bill 1010.

LifeSpan Network supported a similar bill, *House Bill 1120: Health Care Providers and Health Benefit Plans* – *Discrimination in Provision of Services* introduced this Session. Among other protected classes, House Bill 1120 protects against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and would apply to nursing facilities, which is the focus of House Bill 1010. LifeSpan Network would request that House Bill 1010 not move forward in light of a favorable vote on House Bill 1120.

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